(c) whether considering the outcome of liberalization, privatization and globalization post-1991, our aim should be selectivity in public-private partnership to achieve our avowed aim of economic and social upliftment of have-nots?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to a strong and effective public sector whose social objectives are met by its commercial functioning and for this, there is need for selectivity and a strategic focus. The National Common Minimum Programme provides for the above and, *inter alia,* indicates that privatization will increase competition, not decrease it. There must be a direct link between privatization and social needs like, for example, the use of privatization revenues for designated social sector schemes.

Details of Independent Directors

3600. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the names of Independent Directors with their professional backgrounds in Navratna and Mini Ratna PSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The Independent Directors are appointed on the Boards of Navratna and Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments on the basis of recommendations of Search Committee headed by Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board and after obtaining the approval of competent authority. The Government has laid down eligibility criteria for selection/appointment of non-official Directors on the Boards of CPSEs as per which the minimum qualification for part-time non-official Directors would be graduate degree from a recognized university, experience of not less than 10 years at the level of Joint Secretary and above in the Government; Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Managing Director in Corporate Sector/Public Sector Undertaking; Professor level in an Academic Institution or professionals of repute like eminent Chartered Accountants/Cost

Accountants at the level of Directors of Institutes/Heads of Department; persons of eminence with proven track record from Industry, Business or Agriculture.

During the years 2005 and 2006, recommendations in respect of 166 positions have been made by Search Committee for appointment as non-official Directors on the Boards of Navratna and Miniratna CPSEs. These recommendations include 41 former civil servants, 33 former CPSE executives, 39 Academicians, 18 private sector executives, 8 Chartered Accountants and 27 other professionals. These recommendations have been sent to the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments for making the appointments after obtaining the approval of competent authority.

Revival of MAMC, Durgapur

3601. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India has shown interest in reviving MAMC, Durgapur;

(b) whether the same has been communicated to the Department of Heavy Industry by some trade union leaders as well as members of Parliament;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(d) whether a similar interest has been shown by DVC in reviving MAMC; and

(e) if so, the time bound action plan of Government to ensure revival of MAMC through Coal India and DVC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC) is under liquidation since 26.5.2003 as per the order of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. All the assets of the MAMC are under the custody of Official Liquidator appointed by High Court of Calcutta. Department of Heavy Industry has not received any proposal